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Capital Planning Committee
Meeting Memorandum
January 3, 2002

In attendance were:

- * Steve Andrew
- John Bilafer
- John FitzMaurice
- Charles Foscett, Chairman
- Nancy T. Galkowski
- Dave Kale
- Anthony Lionetta
- Al Minervini
- * Barbara Thornton

*Denotes those not in attendance.

1. Meeting Notes: Notes of the 12/20/01 meeting were accepted.
2. Symmes Property: There was a general discussion about the Symmes Property and the Town's proposal to acquire and foster the development of the property. Presentation materials were provided to Committee members and aspects of the proposal were explored through questions and answers. The question of whether the CPC should state a position on the matter was raised. The CPC voted to support the proposal in principle. (6 affirmative, 1 abstention, (Tony Lionetta))
3. Field House and Related Issues
 - a. Field House: The Field House and its funding was discussed in detail. Charlie F. reported on a meeting he attended Thursday, December 27, 2001 with the Pierce Field Working Group involved in the remediation project. There appeared to be agreement by Kay Donovan, John Maher, Jeff Nagle, David Kale, Alan McClennen, and Phil Farrington that, if the Town votes to do the bonding, that this will be sufficient to satisfy the Industrial Parties on the release at the time of the bonding of the \$2.7 million "gift" for the Field House. This money could be put into a trust account and used to pay the bond debt until the Capital Plan could pick up costs, say in 2007 or later. This proposal would have to be approved in advance by the Industrial Parties.
 - b. School Program: There was a general discussion about the School Rebuilding Program. To date, \$55,000,000 has been committed to the program by the voters. The program will need an additional \$10 to \$15 million due to overruns and cost increases. There is a question over how this shortfall will be addressed. (exempt or non-exempt) There was a review that overruns on the Pierce School were determined by the 2001 Annual Town Meeting to be a School Department responsibility.
 - c. Field House Funding Concerns: There were a number of issues raised and discussed. These issues ranged from the real cost of field clean-up, the operating cost of the Field House, its sequencing/relationship to future schools, applying the "gift" for schools or the field improvements (artificial turf) and, its timing in relation to a future High School renovation project. The CPC voted to table further discussion of the field house. The issue could be

revisited with new information. It was determined that the School Department should: 1) Provide its financial strategy for funding the last three schools, 2) Explain the time intersect between the Field House funding and those of future schools, and 3) Determine the responsibility of financing for operating costs of the new Field House, as well as overruns on the Field clean-up, if they occur. This information should be detailed enough to illustrate how costs will impact School budgets.

4. Draft Capital Plan: Charlie F. and Nancy G. will collaborate on the plan and E-mail revised plan table to members. The plan is within \$600,000 of target, given the combined years of the plan

5. Tentative Meeting Date: If needed, the next meeting of the CPC will be January 10th at 4:00 P.M. This may not be needed subject to refinements.